

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 ASUNCI 04923 021507Z
ACTION ARA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CPR-01 PER-01 SSC-01 HA-05 /023 W
-----033001 030229Z /73
R 021415Z DEC 77
FM AMEMBASSY ASUNCION
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1720

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE ASUNCION 4923

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PDIP, SHUM, PA
SUBJ: PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

1. ON NOVEMBER 30 I PRESENTED CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT STROESSNER. IN MY STATEMENT, I SAID: "WE HAVE WITHIN OUR GRASP THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK TOGETHER MORE EFFECTIVELY TO PROMOTE FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS AS WELL AS INCREASED SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT."
(COMPLETE TEXT FORWARDED BY POUCH.)

2. THE PRESIDENT AND I SPOKE TOGETHER FOR ALMOST ONE HALF HOUR. THIS, ACCORDING TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, IS A RECORD AS HE USUALLY CONFIRMS THESE DISCUSSIONS TO FIVE MINUTES OF SMALL TALK.

3. A GOOD PART OF THE TIME WAS SPENT WITH PRESIDENT STROESSNER LECTURING ME ON THE WIDE POPULAR SUPPORT HIS GOVERNMENT ENJOYS. THIS SUPPORT, HE SAID, SPRINGS FROM HIS GOVERNMENT'S EFFICIENCY IN BRINGING TO PARAGUAY PEACE, ORDER, TRANQUILITY AND ANTI-COMMUNISM. HE SPOKE AT LENGTH ABOUT THE NEED FOR DEMOCRACY TO BE MAINTAINED BY STERN MEASURES IN ORDER TO AVOID ANARCHY.

4. I MANAGED TO MAKE TWO POINTS. FIRST, THAT WHILE
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 ASUNCI 04923 021507Z

NO ONE HAD ANY OBJECTION TO DRASTIC MEASURES DESIGNED TO BRING AN EMERGENCY SITUATION UNDER CONTROL, IT WAS HARD TO JUSTIFY A PERPETUAL STATE OF SIEGE WHEN, AS THE THE PRESIDENT HAD POINTED OUT, PEACE AND ORDER HAD LONG SINCE BEEN ESTABLISHED. SECONDLY, I SAID THAT KEEPING PEOPLE IN PRISON WITHOUT TRIAL WAS DIFFICULT TO JUSTIFY UNDER ANY BUT THE MOST

EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCES.

5. THE PRESIDENT REPLIED TO THIS BY ASSERTING THAT
PEACE AND ORDER HAD ITS PRICE.

6. I STATED THAT I HOPED THE PRESIDENT REALIZED
THAT I WAS THERE TO REPRESENT THE POLICY OF THE
CARTER ADMINISTRATION AND THAT HUMAN RIGHTS WERE
AN INTEGRAL PART OF THAT POLICY. I ADDED THAT
PARAGUAY HAD THUS FAR BEEN SPARED THE PUBLICITY
WHICH HAD FOCUSED ON CHILE, URUGUAY AND OTHERS BUT
THAT THIS SITUATION WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY CHANGE.

7. THE PRESIDENT REPEATED SEVERAL OF THE SENTIMENTS
HE EXPRESSED ABOVE, AND AFTER GOOD WISHES AND POLITE
PHRASES THE CONVERSATION CLOSED.

8. EARLY IN THE INTERVIEW THE PRESIDENT BROUGHT UP
THE CASE OF CHASE SARDI WHICH I SHALL REPORT BY
SEPARATE TELEGRAM.
WHITE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: CREDENTIALS PRESENTATION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 02-Dec-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977ASUNCIO4923
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770448-0799
Format: TEL
From: ASUNCION
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t197712102/aaaadirw.tel
Line Count: 83
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: b5e2cefb-c188-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05-Apr-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 108412
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS
TAGS: PDIP, SHUM, PA
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/b5e2cefb-c188-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009